

REMARKS

All previous claims have been canceled in favor of the new claims presented herein. The new claims do not introduce any new matter. Rather, the new claims are drafted such that objected to claims have been re-written into independent form incorporating rejected base claims as per the Examiner's suggestions. Moreover, other objections to the claims due to informalities as set out in paragraphs 2 – 5 in the most recent office action have been addressed as well. The remaining dependent claims have been carried through and are believed allowable as they depend from an allowable base claim.

For the reasons set forth above, the applicants believe the newly drafted claims of the present application are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

However, if the applicants have failed to adequately respond to any of the Examiner's objections or requirements or if the Examiner intends to finally reject the application, the applicants invite the Examiner's telephone communication of that fact to the applicants' attorney, Mr. Gregory Stephens at 919-286-8093 so that an interview can be arranged to resolve any discrepancy.

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